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SUBJECT: PRODUCTIVITY, PRICES AND INCOME BOARD SEEKS ASSISTANCE

1. ON JUNE 30 EMBOFFS MET WITH PERMANENT SECRETARY FOR RESEARCH OF THE CABINET OFFICE AND CHAIRMAN OF PRODUCTIVITY, PRICES AND INCOME BOARD. PERMSEC EXPRESSED DESIRE FOR INFORMATION FROM U.S. TO ASSIST THE BOARD IN CARRYING OUT ITS FUNCTIONS.

2. SCOPE OF BOARD'S WORK INCLUDES: RESEARCH ON WAGE STRUCTURES, INCOME DISTRIBUTION AND HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION PATTERNS; CONTINUOUS PRICE SURVEILLANCE; INTERPRETATION OF PRICE MOVEMENTS AND RELATING THEM TO OTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY; ENCOURAGEMENT AND PROMOTION OF PRODUCTIVITY SCHEMES; ESTABLISHMENT AND RUNNING OF A DATA BANK; AND INFORMING AND EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ON PRICES, WAGES AND PRODUCTIVITY.

3. AS A FIRST STEP IN IMPROVING ITS CAPABILITIES, BOARD WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN LITERATURE FROM U.S. INSTITUTIONS, PARTICULARLY FROM THE FOLLOWING:

A) COUNCIL ON WAGE AND PRICE STABILITY

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B) FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

C) SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

D) GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

E) DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

F) BUREAU OF CENSUS

G) ANY OTHER WHICH WE MIGHT DEEM USEFUL

4. EMBASSY WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE AF/W PROCURING AND TRANSMITTING AVAILABLE MATERIAL TO US FOR RELAY TO BOARD.

5. COMMENT: PERMSEC AND BOARD ARE ANXIOUS TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ASAP. PERMSEC OF MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES ALHAJI HAD ALSO STATED HIS INTEREST IN U.S. RESPONSE AS FOLLOW-UP TO BILATERAL ECONOMIC TALKS IN WASHINGTON. AFTER THE BOARD STUDIES REQUESTED LITERATURE IT MAY FOLLOW OUR SUGGESTION TO CONSIDER RDP ASSISTANCE.
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